

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT** Application of )  
 Kenji OKAMOTO et al ) Attn: Applications  
 Japanese Application No.: 2000-196220 ) Branch  
 Japanese Filing Date: June 29, 2000 )  
 For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION CATALYST )  
 AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM ) Date: June 29, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

**THE FIGURE:**

Please note, the amended Figure numbers are presented below in the amended form. Further, as an Attachment to the Amendment to amendments to the Figures are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

Page 13, Please insert the following Figure number:

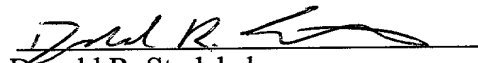
--Figures 7A and 7B are explanatory views showing a state of an oxidation-reduction reaction on a catalyst surface when an air-fuel ratio rich, simulated exhaust gas is flowing.--

REMARKS

This application has been amended to correct improper numbering of the Figures in order to make them consist with the drawings and place them in better condition for examination.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**Page 13, Please insert the following Figure number:**

--[Figures 7 is an explanatory view] Figures 7A and 7B are explanatory views showing a state of an oxidation-reduction reaction on a catalyst surface when an air-fuel ratio rich, simulated exhaust gas is flowing.--